

## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A method of adding an appliance to a federation of appliances includes the steps of placing an introduction  
5 device in close proximity to the appliance and then  
establishing a secure communications channel between the  
appliance and the introduction device. Next, security  
information of the federation is transferred from the  
introduction device to the appliance. The appliance is  
10 thereafter a member of the federation.

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